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Carbon River Road Reopens To Hikers and Bikers

Heavy equipment work on the Carbon River Road in Mount Rainier National Park that was scheduled to keep the road closed from September 18 until September 23 has been completed ahead of schedule. The road will reopen for hiking and bicycling tomorrow morning, September 22.

The road has been closed to vehicle traffic since November 2006, when major flooding caused extensive damage to the road. It remains closed to vehicles.

The temporary closure was necessary for park crews to install several flood protection structures within the damaged road bed, to prevent more damage when rains return in the fall and winter.

The park is considering a range of alternatives for the future of the Carbon River corridor, and will seek public input through an Environmental Assessment in 2008.

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